15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Property located at 639 York Street (Z-8787)

- Laverne Kirkness, Kirkness Consulting, on behalf of Start Communications – expressing appreciation to the planning staff for moving this application through as this is a $10,000,000 investment; hoping the staff report is adopted with the exception of the height; requesting an increase in height from 13 meters to 14.5 meters. (See attached presentation.)

- David Yuhasz, Zedd Architects – indicating that it is roughly 40,000 square feet and three separate buildings; noting that most of the buildings are one story; pointing out that it is an adaptive reuse, they are using all of the existing building’s advising that the new buildings sits within the “L” shape in part due to the setback requirements from CN Rail; reiterating that it is three storeys high and is structurally symmetrical to the existing buildings and it has an interesting twist to the building and faces the Adelaide Street overpass; pointing out that it will be a fairly high-tech building, it will be more of a higher end institutional type building in its design.

- Peter Rocca, President, Start Communications – expressing how excited they are with this project; expressing appreciation to the staff for all their support and assistance going through the process; hoping that Councillors will accept the recommendation as amended.